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## House of Representatives

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Ted A. Hartley, Pastor, Farina United Methodist Church, Farina, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

O gracious and loving Creator God, we exist by Your power and we exist for Your glory. Bring justice to our courts, wisdom to our government, guidance to our schools and love to our homes. Inspire the minds of all persons to whom You have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in our country. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and people may work together. Give to our government passion for justice and strength of self-control that we may use our liberty in accordance with Your gracious will. Thank You, God, for the balance of our legislative and executive and judicial branches of government and the women and men who serve this great Nation with love and dedication. Bless us, God, but as You bless us, may we be a blessing to others. All honor and glory is Yours, now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WELLER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

S. RES. 481

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served as a special agent in the United States Army Intelligence Corps;

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served the people of Nevada with distinction from 1983 to 1989 in the United States Senate;

Whereas Jacob Chic Hecht served as United States Ambassador to the Bahamas from 1989 until 1994;

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Jacob Chic Hecht, former member of the United States Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Jacob Chic Hecht.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 879. An act to make improvements to the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 214 of title II, Public Law 107-252, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Election Assistance Board of Advisors:

Wesley R. Kliner, Jr. of Tennessee.

### RECOGNIZING REV. TED HARTLEY AS GUEST CHAPLAIN

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Reverend Ted

Hartley, Senior Pastor of Farina, Illinois United Methodist Church as today's guest chaplain.

Rev. Hartley is a native of McLeansboro, Illinois and served as a pastor for 14 years. In addition to serving in towns such as East Peoria, Charleston, Virden and Abingdon, Illinois, Rev. Hartley has also preached the gospel in places such as Zimbabwe, Moscow, throughout Europe, Japan and China.

He has been an outspoken and integral advocate for fostering race relations and ecumenical work. Rev. Hartley is a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and is a well-known Salukis fan. He attended seminary at Garrett Evangelical and Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Accompanying him today is his son, Chris, an 18-year-old college student who is poised to become a future American Idol with his band Noxious, as well as Matthew Metcalf.

I am honored to have Rev. Hartley share his prayer with us today, and thank Father Coughlin for giving him and Farina, Illinois an opportunity of a lifetime.

### ETHNIC GENOCIDE IN BURMA

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday demonstrations in over a dozen countries, including the U.S., U.K., Thailand and Japan took place demanding that the U.N. Security Council take action to stop the violence in eastern Burma.

I join them today in speaking out against the brutal military dictatorship of Burma. The thugs of Rangoon are on an all-out rampage. Since March the Burmese military dictatorship has forced over 15,000 Karen tribal people from their homes.

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